

UNCLASSIFIEDOPP/LLB
INCOMING

.09/38/

IMMEDIATE

FRP:6. .

STATE

25X1

82 9471647 SUO

PAGE 001

NC 9471647

TOR: 161934Z SEP 82

OO RUEAIB
ZNR UUUUU ZOC STATE ZZH
STU6684
OO RUEHC
DE RUEHOTG #0673 2591658
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 161658Z SEP 82
FM AMCONSUL WINNIPEG
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3909
RUEHOT/AMEMBASSY OTTAWA IMMEDIATE 1786
BT
UNCLAS WINNIPEG 0673

SW
file: HAC

E.D. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, SENV, CA
SUBJ: MANITOBA PREMIERS ANTI GARRISON TELEGRAM TO EACH MEMBER
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

1. PREMIER HOWARD PAWLEY, UNDER COVERING LETTER BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR GOTTLIEB SENT THE FOLLOWING CABLE TO HOUSE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WE UNDERSTAND IT WAS DELIVERED ON SEPTEMBER 14. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT COMMENTS SUCH AS QUOTE UNTIL BILATERAL ISSUES ARE RESOLVED UNQUOTE, MAY BE MISLEADING TO HOUSE MEMBERS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADA LEFT NO ISSUES UNRESOLVED REGARDING GARRISON DEVELOPMENT TOTALLY WITHIN THE MISSOURI BASIN. CONSUL GENERAL ASKED DEPUTY MINISTER CARTER FOR CLARIFICATION AND WAS TOLD THE ISSUES REFERRED TO WERE LONETREE RESERVOIR AND THE NEW ROCKFORD CANAL. CARTER WAS ONCE AGAIN REASSURED THAT WATER FROM GARRISON WOULD FLOW SOUTH INTO THE JAMES RIVER AND BE WITHIN THE MISSOURI BASIN. ENTIRE TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE, CABLE AND AMBASSADORS LETTER FOLLOWS.

QUOTE

THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENTS CONCERN OVER FURTHER FUNDING FOR THE GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT WAS COMMUNICATED MONDAY IN A TELEGRAM FROM PREMIER HOWARD PAWLEY TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO VOTE LATER THIS WEEK ON THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIORS REQUEST FOR DOLS 4 MILLION TO FUND FURTHER CONSTRUCTION ON THE PROJECT BY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.

IN HIS TELEGRAM, SENT BY ALLAN GOTTLIEB, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, PREMIER PAWLEY SAID: "UNTIL THE OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES ARE RESOLVED, THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO FURTHER FUNDING FOR PORTIONS OF THE GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT POTENTIALLY AFFECTING THIS PROVINCE. AS BOTH THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION AND CITIZEN-SPONSORED DELEGATIONS STATED DURING THEIR RECENT MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, THE INTERBASIN TRANSFER OF WATER COULD HAVE A DISASTROUS IMPACT ON THE PROVINCE BY REDUCING WATER QUALITY AND DESTROYING THE FISHERY.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING AT THIS TIME WOULD ONLY INCREASE MOMENTUM TOWARD COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY AND FORMAL U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES TO CANADA THAT BILATERAL ISSUES WOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDS ON FEATURES OF THE PROJECT WHICH COULD AFFECT MANITOBA."

State Dept. review completed

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

82 9471647 SUO

PAGE 002

NC 9471647

TOR: 161934Z SEP 82

THE PREMIERS TELEGRAM WAS DELIVERED TO MEMBERS OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WITH A COVERING LETTER FROM MR. GOTLIEB. THE AMBASSADORS LETTER STATED:

"THE PREMIER OF MANITOBA, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD PAWLEY, HAS ASKED ME TO ENSURE THAT THE ATTACHED TELEGRAM, CONVEYING MANITOBAS CONCERN OVER THE PROSPECT OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT, IS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. AS YOU KNOW, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL SHORTLY HAVE BEFORE IT FOR CONSIDERATION AN ADDITIONAL DOLS FOUR MILLION APPROPRIATION REQUESTED FOR THE GARRISON PROJECT AS PART OF THE ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR THE 1983 FISCAL YEAR.

CANADA REMAINS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS OF THE GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT. THE BASIS OF CANADIAN CONCERN RELATES TO THE SERIOUS AND IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE TO MANITOBAS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FRESHWATER FISHERY ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT-RELATED TRANSFERS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF FISH SPECIES, DISEASES AND PARASITES FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER SYSTEM INTO THE HUDSON BAY DRAINAGE BASIN. NUMEROUS SCIENTIFIC STUDIES, INCLUDING THE TWO-YEAR EXAMINATION OF THE PROJECTS TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS CARRIED OUT BY THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, HAVE SUBSTANTIATED CANADIAN CONCERNS, AND CONCLUDED THAT THE PROJECT AS NOW DESIGNED WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT MANITOBA WATERS WITH DAMAGING RESULTS IN VIOLATION OF UNITED STATES OBLIGATIONS TO CANADA UNDER THE 1909 BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY.

IN RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN CANADIAN LEGISLATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND IN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND U.S. OFFICIALS, CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CONTINUED TO URGE THAT THE PROJECT BE REDESIGNED SO AS TO ELIMINATE ALL INTERBASIN TRANSFERS OF WATER AND ASSOCIATED HARMFUL FOREIGN BIOTA. THE CANADIAN AND MANITOBA GOVERNMENTS REMAIN OF THE VIEW THAT, CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS FORMAL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES TO CANADA, PROJECT FEATURES POTENTIALLY AFFECTING CANADA SHOULD NOT BE BUILT UNTIL THE OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES ARE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN CONCERNS SHOWN IN PAST GARRISON APPROPRIATIONS VOTES BY THE CONGRESS, IN STIPULATING THAT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS BE SPENT ONLY ON PORTIONS OF THE PROJECT NOT AFFECTING CANADA. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BEAR OUR CONCERNS IN MIND IN YOUR FORTHCOMING DELIBERATIONS ON THE GARRISON DIVERSION APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED THIS YEAR WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED."

A VOTE ON THE ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT BILL BY THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. IT IS ANTICIPATED A VOTE ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL OCCUR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

UNQUOTE

MULLIN

END OF MESSAGE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED